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via fax and fedex

Dear Ms. Dorff:

Unfortunately, neither I nor any other representative of EDF appears to be able to attend the MWD Board workshop scheduled for this Thursday, October 5 on the subject of the MOU entered into between San Diego County and the Imperial Irrigation District.


I say "unfortunately" because EDF strongly supports the initiative displayed by the signers of the MOU. We very much would like to play a supportive role in helping San Diego, IID, and we hope MWD as well, to convert the conceptual plan contained in the MOU into a real-life water conservation and transfer program (with appropriate environmental and social components).

We also request that we be put on the mailing list for any future MWD notices and MWD staff analyses regarding this matter, since we were not directly notified of the pending workshop. We realize that the MOU may have a number of interesting implications and that there may be some within MWD who do not look with favor on the MOU, either because it is perceived somehow to threaten MWD's primacy over Southern California's Colorado River water supply or because it is perceived to undermine other MWD initiatives like the Domenigoni project.

We continue to await MWD's responses to a number of financial and water supply planning questions which EDF raised regarding Domenigoni by letter of August 15. Perhaps those responses will shed light on MWD's financial concerns, if any, about the San Diego - IID MOU.

In any event, I hope you will pass this letter along to your Board of Directors and to other interested parties at the workshop.

Sincerely yours,


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